

trouble of despatching the other  
copies to the persons for whom  
they are intended throughout the  
States & Canada, according to a list  
which is enclosed in the parcel  
with them, & of drawing on Messrs  
King & Co. New York for the  
expenses of prepaying all the  
letters or parcels thus despatched,  
in order that each of my individual  
friends may receive his copy or  
copies free of any charge whatsoever:  
but I have said in my letter to  
him, that should indisposition  
or any other contingency prevent  
his undertaking the matter, I

36 Oxford Terrace, Hyde Park  
London, England

29<sup>th</sup> March 1855.

My dear Sir,

Nearly eighteen months  
have elapsed since we parted,  
in Boston after your hospitable  
& most friendly reception of me,  
& yet this is the first occasion  
of my addressing you - & that on  
a rather melancholy impulse,  
only owing to the death of my  
father, full of years & high in  
honor & esteem, no doubt - but  
still of such value, both publicly  
& privately, as to make his loss

severely felt both ways, especially  
at this time. Circumstances, which  
are partly indicated in the Memorial  
to which I am about to allude,  
but which may never be thoroughly  
understood until a regular biography  
of him shall have appeared, have  
induced me to throw off a short  
poetical "Memorial" of him, especially  
dwelling on those moral & emotional  
qualifications, in which he was so  
truly great, & pointing out the  
peculiar intellectual disqualification,  
which so materially interfered with  
a proper appreciation of his true,  
moral greatness, & which partly

accounts for his never having held  
or been forced to hold a more  
directly commanding position in the  
Government of this country.

By the same mail, by which  
this will be transmitted to you, I  
send a parcel containing 135  
copies of this Memorial to George  
Tichnor Esq. of Boston, of which  
one with your name inscribed on it,  
& 4 others for distribution among  
any of your friends, who may feel  
interested in the subject will be  
forwarded to you - <sup>(I also send copies to Professors  
Agassiz & Longfellow -)</sup> I have assumed  
that Mr. Tichnor is alive & well,  
& willing to undertake the

given not unfequent occasions  
to talk of you, & especially have  
gratified me by reminding me of  
many little kindnesses evinced towards  
me in our short acquaintance,  
which, without further allusion thereto,  
be assured I appreciate -

My own two boys, & my mother  
& the rest of her family are  
well, thank God! & I hope your  
good lady & friends are so also -

In anything within my power on  
this side the water, never hesitate  
at any time to command my  
services, & believe me  
Yours sincerely  
Joseph Buruley Hume  
Dr. As Jay -

felt sure that he would be able  
to procure some one, e. g.  
yourself, to undertake it in  
his place & stead, in which  
case the instructions or attempt  
at instructions in my letter to  
him & the order on Messrs.  
Kings & Co. to honor any draft  
for the reimbursement of all  
expenses connected with the  
matter would be considered as  
addressed to yourself - Would  
you therefore kindly, on receipt  
of this, satisfy yourself as to  
whether Mr. Tichnor be or be

not in a position or state of health to undertake what I have requested of his friendly zeal, & if he be not, would you be good enough to take charge of the parcel (which will reach him, prepaid) & of the letter to him, & act accordingly.

I am afraid you will think me a very shabby fellow to keep silence for so long a time, & then to break it only to give you trouble; but I console myself with the idea that the world rolls as fast with you as with me & leaves you just as

little time for correspondence except on immediately pressing occasions - & if so I have no doubt but what you will be able to put a right construction both on my silence & on my present communication. The visit of John Carey Jun<sup>r</sup>. (now gone to France) & occasional, after-dinner lectures by John Carey Sen<sup>r</sup> - on his beautifully instructive herbarium, in which on each successive occasion I take the greatest interest, although a multitude of other occupations seem to draw most of what I learn out of my head again between times, have